

Kikkawa.

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Dear Hirota

Today, I would like to ask to Professor J. Lederberg about his possible and maximum period of stay in Japan at the time of his visit, in fall of next year, 1961, through you: provably you can talk the other related things to him when it is necessary, as in the case we have had before.

The reason is as follows. I discussed with Professor S. Akabori (Head of School of Science of Osaka University; Professor of Tokyo University) and Professor K. Sakaguchi (Head of Inst. of Appl. Micro. Biol. of Tokyo Univ.) on the schedule to invite him to Japan. They desired his visiting and promised to support to get his appointment from Japan Academy of Science.

To push this program, it is essential to know about his possible period of stay in Japan. They suggested that the Society desires the guest's stay from 6--12 monthes, as a rule, long.

We like to keep him in Japan as long as possible, but also know he has very limited time because the other people also like to keep him.

As our conclusion, if he can spend about 5 monthes in Japan (at least), at Inst. Appl. Microbiol. in Tokyo Univ., Nat. Inst. Genet. in Mishima, and Osaka Univ, or etc., it makes us much easier to get appointment from J.A.S..

The Society invite only one or two guests per year from all over the world which covers whole field of Science, because of the limited budget, as you know. I am quite sure, he is one of the best guest for Science in Japan, therefore the point will be concentrated for period of his stay. This is why, I like to know that point.

I am also studying another possibility to get appointment from Rockefeller Foundation (through Dr R.E. Anderson) for him, for safety.

In both cases, however, period of his stay seems serious factor. Please tell him about this situation and make sure on this point. Also Give him my best regards.